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Biazon: US carrier not for rescue, recovery operations

SEN. RODOLFO BIAZON YESTERDAY questioned the US government's deployment of an aircraft carrier to help in the search for survivors of the capsized MV Princess of the Stars and the retrieval of bodies trapped in the vessel.

"An aircraft carrier is not designed for salvage. The USS Ronald Reagan is a strategic and combat vessel whose main assets are aircraft, F-18s. What will the F-18s do for the recovery [efforts]?" Biazon, a former chief of staff of the Armed Forces, said in a press conference.

He said the US government should

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US ARMADA TO THE RESCUE Largest and newest of Nimitz-class aircraft carriers, the nuclear-powered USS Ronald Reagan, which was recently in Hong Kong where its crew of 6,000 went on a brief R&R, is expected to steam into Philippine waters any time soon. ◄◄





IT'S HIGH TIME Desperate to find/identify his relatives on board the Cebu-bound ship and feeling his pleas being ignored by shipowner, Sulpicio Lines, for him and others similarly stricken to be ferried to Cebu, Levi Padua climbs a light post outside the Sulpicio office at Pier 12. He climbs down after two hours, assured his demands would be met.

GMA fumes, slams Sulpicio for tragedy



WHERE'S MY FRIEND! US President Bush is quoted to have said when President Arroyo arrived at the White House for their one-on-one talk on Tuesday at the Oval Office. During the 50-minute meeting, Bush praised Ms Arroyo for her "strong and effective, carrot-and-stick approach" to terrorism. Later, he told her, "I'm proud you are here." Ms Arroyo is on a 10-day working visit in the US and is scheduled to fly home on June 29.

Solons want shipowner punished

By Juliet Labog-Javellana in Washington DC and Nancy Carvajal in Manila

AS DIVERS UNDERTAKE the grim task of retrieving hundreds of bodies believed to be trapped in the sunken MV Princess of the Stars, an angry President Macapagal-Arroyo said in Washington on Tuesday that Sulpicio Lines had to answer for the tragedy.

"We are holding the ferry company accountable to ensure that we find out how this ferry tragedy could have occurred so we can take steps to make sure it never happens again," Ms Arroyo said in a speech at a dinner hosted for her by the US Chamber of Commerce and the US-Asean Business Council at the Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington DC.

In Manila, lawmakers also took Sulpicio to task for the tragedy.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan said the

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Despair drives man to climb tower in protest

By Jerome Aning

A RELATIVE OF MISSING PASSENGERS OF the MV Princess of the Stars yesterday climbed a tower at North Harbor's Pier 12, staying there for two hours to demand that Sulpicio Lines fulfill its promise to let the kin of the victims personally identify the recovered bodies.

Levi Padua, whose three relatives were on the ill-starred ship, was persuaded by policemen to descend after representatives of Sulpicio Lines assured him that he would be given a free trip to Cebu City, where the retrieved corpses are to be brought.

DESPAIR A6

Bodies, bodies floating everywhere

By Tarra Quismundo on Sibuyan Island and Nikko Dizon and Leila B. Salaverria in Manila

A US NAVY P-3 ORION SPY PLANE and a Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) aircraft yesterday spotted scores of bodies believed to be from the ill-fated MV Princess of the Stars floating in waters along Quezon province and the Bicol region.

US Navy Lt. Christian de Salvo told reporters in San Fernando town on Sibuyan Island that the Orion's precision cameras had captured images of 55 bodies—30 in one group and five others scattered over a wide area between the islands of Sibuyan and Banton—four days after the vessel ran

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Palace: GMA hands-on via videoconference

By Juliet Labog-Javellana in Washington
Michael Lim Ubac in Manila

WASHINGTON (VIA PLDT)—MET JUMBOTRON? ...

Apparently smarting from criticism at home that she is gallivanting abroad in a time of national disaster, President Macapagal-Arroyo told a big gathering of US businessmen and CEOs on Tuesday that she could be accused of anything but that.

What she has been accused of, Ms Arroyo said, was "being a hands-on President, and rightly so." She added: "We

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PASSING FANCY A small boat with its sail in vivid, living colors rouses attention, if only in passing, from the unspeakably grim site of the sunken Princess of the Stars, which Navy and Coast Guard divers now on their fourth day of search and rescue operations, are finding to have become a vast common grave for at least 70 passengers. As of press time the divers are still rushing against time to hopefully recover survivors.

Act of God, 'Princess' owner tells probers

By Leila B. Salaverria

OFFICIALS OF SULPICIO LINES TOLD a marine inquiry yesterday that "an act of God"—not engine failure—sank the MV Princess of the Stars during a raging typhoon.

The Board of Marine Inquiry (BMI) looking into Saturday's disaster off Sibuyan Island found that Sulpicio Lines, which owned the doomed vessel, was unaware of the guidelines to be followed during stormy weather that were updated in June 2007.

The new set of rules put the movement of vessels during Storm Signal No. 1—winds of from 30 to 60 kilometers per

ACT OF GOD A6

'Don't bury dead until we identify them'

By Nikko Dizon, Margaux C. Ortiz and Jocelyn R. Uy

SHOULD THE RECOVERED bodies of the victims of the sinking of MV Princess of the Stars be buried immediately to prevent an outbreak of disease, or should they remain aboveground until their kin can identify them, and more significantly for a last glimpse of their loved ones.

This is the dilemma facing authorities.

A forensic expert said there should be no rush to bury the dead but the remains should be shielded from public eye.

Officials of San Pascual town in Masbate, however, decided to bury yesterday 19 decomposing corpses believed to have come from the sunken ship to

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Iloilo leaders rage: NDCC's slow response is 'disaster itself

By Christian V. Esguerra

TWO ILONGGO LEADERS ARE RAGING over the alleged slow and inefficient response of the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) to the devastation wrought by Typhoon "Frank" to the province.

"The NDCC is a disaster in itself," a fuming Rep. Ferjenel Biron of Iloilo's fourth district told the Inquirer yesterday. "To this day, we have yet to receive a single grain of rice or a single drop of water from the NDCC."

Iloilo Vice Gov. Rolex Suplico questioned reports that the NDCC officials had to wait for the skies to clear before flying in relief goods from Manila although they could have purchased such items in Iloilo to expedite delivery. "It's common sense, right?" he told the Inquirer.

As a result, he said, the NDCC action was at least four days late.

The Inquirer tried to contact NDCC Executive Director Glenn Rabonza last night for his comment to the accusations, but he would not respond to calls.

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$216M for RP food security

US grants, loans covered by agri pact

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

WASHINGTON, DC (VIA PLDT)—THE UNITED States is extending $216.5 million worth of grants and loans to the Philippines to help ensure food security amid rising prices of rice, fuel and other commodities in the world.

GMA lobbies in US for veterans' equity bill

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

Church leads 'Frank' relief drive

Meralco, Napocor, ERC sued



Mothers of missing coeds pin hopes on new CHR head

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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Pinoy illegals to be kicked out of Sabah

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Lawyer changes tune on Ces Drilon ransom

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Government Warning: Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health

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Government Warning: Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health

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UP alumna seeks to sponsor UP dropout

Why Juday's Meralco ad is a class apart

Filipinos too easily forget lessons of past tragedies

No GSIS funds in Garcia's crusade against Meralco

Across the NATION

Mine firm suspends work in Vizcaya

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA—AN OFFICIAL OF THE AUStralian mining firm OceanaGold Philippines Inc. on Tuesday said the firm is suspending work at its $117-million gold-copper project in upland Kasibu town, amid controversies hounding its operations in the past six months.

IN THE KNOW

Muslims not prepared to declare cloning 'halal'

COTABATO CITY—THE COUNTRY'S Muslim clerics and food experts said they were not yet prepared to adopt a ruling on whether or not to declare as "halal," ... experimental animal cloning.



WATER IMAGES

Egg prices to rise as typhoon hits 'egg basket'

By Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—EGG PRICES in the province were expected to increase as Typhoon "Frank" destroyed around 70 percent of poultry farms on Bantayan Island.

Pangasinan execs say DA subsidy too small

DAGUPAN CITY—PANGASINAN officials are up in arms against the government's fertilizer subsidy scheme, which is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture.

Recipe for longest grill too hot to handle

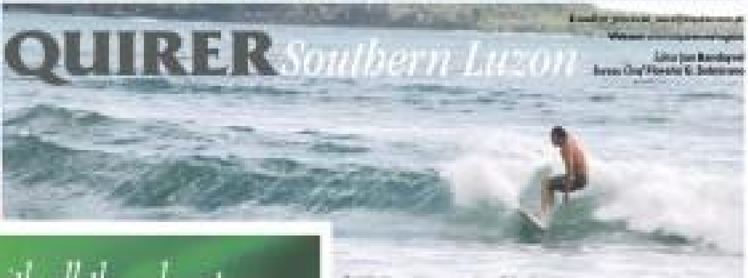
By Redempto Anda
Inquirer Southern Luzon

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—THE provincial government's bid to enter a record in the Guinness Book by grilling 3 kilometers of seafood ...





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SURFING at Gubat Bay

Surfing? skim boarding? Try Gubat Bay

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Legazpi City

WITH THREE KILOMETERS of white-sand beach almost free of sharp coral grits, Gubat Bay in Sorsogon offers water sports thrills that go beyond the joys of swimming in a blue ocean.

The bay, 620 kilometers south of Manila and 67 km from Legazpi City's airport in Albay, faces the San Juanico Strait on the southeastern edge of the Bicol Peninsula. It has been attracting fun-loving people since early this year with the introduction of skim boarding and surfing in its waters.

"It receives a lot of waves from the Pacific (Ocean) and even though this is the wrong season for waves, still you can ride on them," Michael Kelleher, a Filipino-Irish swimmer and surfer, enthuses.

Kelleher, 23, who was in Gubat town for a two-week vacation this month, frequents the middle portion of the bay where the waves roll down unhampered to the shores. He lives and works as an engineer in Cork City in southern Ireland and was a champion in a national swimming competition when he was 18. He represented his country in the European swimming competition.

'Not challenging'

Although he has surfed in Ireland, France, Morocco and Jamaica, Kelleher finds the Gubat Bay a safe place for surfing because the shores are "not challenging" (read: not dangerous because the area is not coral reef), which, he says, is "good for surf school."

"You can teach people how to surf here and invite tourists to see it for themselves," he says.

Ed Villaroya, 33, an agribusiness farm operator and one of the pioneers of surfing and skim boarding in the bay, reveals that the good waves come in the stormy months of October through December.

Villaroya cautions that the place is quite dangerous to the uninformed because it is where the sea currents converge, creating strong undercurrents. But, he says, one can learn how to handle the situation by observing the colors of the water.

"The undercurrents are located where the water turns brownish with the swirling sand underneath. One must not counter the undercurrent once caught in it. You must go with it until you reach an area where it ends and then swim away from it," he advises.

Local fancy

Villaroya says a certain [illegible] from Sorsogon City had surfed in the Gubat Bay before. "But it is only now that the sport is catching the fancy of the locals." He says he learned to surf only late last year but has been skim boarding for quite a while now.

Skim boarding has definitely conquered the attention of the young ones in Gubat. For one, the skim boards could be manufactured locally using available materials. The surf boards have more textures and sophisticated design and specifications.

Neil Mercader, 27, reveals that skim boarding was introduced only in March, but it has already influenced the youth's lifestyle and culture. Several loosely organized groups now regularly "jam" to show off their skills and tricks while riding on the boards on shallow, receding waves along the coast.

"It's a 10-15 seconds' thrill riding and balancing the board up to 30 feet. I think it's a sort of addictive because it gives you some high accomplishing the feat of staying upright while sliding down on the board for as long as you can," Mercader says.

He says curiosity drew them to try the sport after watching Villaroya perform in January at the Dangkalan Beach on the left portion of the bay. The young expert willingly taught them the basics.

New source of income

Mercader did not only learn the new sport but also found a new source of income from making skim boards. He browses on the Internet to learn more about board designs, shape and other specifications.

He earns some P500 for a skim board and can make four boards in a week.

"We also earn from skim board rentals at P20 an hour. We also offer skim boarding tutorials wherein the learner is required to rent two boards, one for the instructor and the other one for the learner," Mercader says.

To Mercader, surfing and skim boarding in the Gubat Bay can certainly make a difference and open opportunities for local tourism.



SKIM boarding changes the lifestyle and culture of young ones along the bay.

NEWSBRIEFS

■ ZAMBOANGA CITY

Woman, daughter die in landslide

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■ MARAWI CITY

Gunmen snatch, free professor

[illegible]

■ TACLOBAN CITY

100 carabaos die of septicemia

[illegible]

■ NUEVA VIZCAYA

Raps vs kissing priest dismissed

[illegible]

■ PALAWAN

Firm enters pact with Palawan tribes

[illegible]

PEACE TALKS IN LIMBO

2 dead as soldiers, MILF rebels clash



GROUNDED

[illegible]

[illegible]

2 firms see gold potential in Masbate

[illegible]

Scent of lemon cypress, not pine, in Baguio City



[illegible]

Increasing tree volume

[illegible]

City of lemons

[illegible]

Goodbye pine!

[illegible]

Quick maturity

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‘We watched our companions fall one by one’







'Don't bury dead until we ...'

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Child tied to life vest

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Bodies, bodies floating everywhere

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2 more bodies retrieved

Ferry hanging in balance

Fear over ship's fuel

Mayor fumes

Late SPORTS

Air21 nears outright semis berth

By Marcus R. Castillo

STEVEN THOMAS DRAINED A FALL-away from 18 feet out with 2.9 seconds left last night and lifted Air21 to a 90-88 nail-biter over Magnolia in the Smart PBA Fiesta Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

The bulking Air21 import waited for the precise moment to launch the game-winner. [illegible]

"I think we're in already because we have a superior quotient against some of the teams that can tie us," said Air21 coach Bo Perasol.

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GAMES TOMORROW
(Araneta Coliseum)
[illegible]

[illegible]



RED Bull's [illegible]





INDONESIA'S Anna Rosita eyes a drop shot from Singapore's Zhang Xiao Dan.

RP shuttlers vow tougher performance

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINES' YOUNG SHUTTLERS hope to salvage some pride when they start their campaign in the individual competition of the 11th Asian Schools Badminton Championships today at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

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FUTURE STAR A young fan leans against a poster of Houston Rockets giant Yao Ming at the Trinoma Mall in Quezon City. [illegible]

Aplus METRO

DID YOU KNOW

₱.6M lost to pickpockets in MRT station

Police detain 2 construction firm employees carrying cash

THE QUEZON CITY POLICE ARE HOLDING FOR questioning two employees of a construction firm who said they lost P600,000 in cash to pickpockets while riding in the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) during rush hour on Tuesday afternoon.



Mandaluyong cop shoots dead 3 suspected robbers

Man accused of harming wife charged in Manila court



MMDA fails to find alternate dump for Metro trash

MetroBriefs

Burglars steal over P1 million from pawnshop

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Marlon Ramos

Fire hits building in Quiapo; no one hurt

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Allison W. Lopez

Diplomatic directory now available

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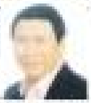
By DJ Yap

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Mike Arroyo should take a very long vacation

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



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Judge ends presentation of rebuttal evidence in Leviste case

By DJ Yap

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GOVERNMENT WARNING:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.

The WORLD

African leaders meet on Zimbabwe crisis

LONDON—SOUTHERN AFRICAN LEADERS WILL hold an emergency meeting in Swaziland's capital Mbabane on Wednesday to discuss the crisis in Zimbabwe, officials said.

It's Bob Dylan, Rolling Stones in Obama's iPod



OBAMA



Thai PM seen likely to survive

Bills Gates exits; Ballmer in spotlight



Clooney, Pitt join Burma ad campaign



WorldBriefs

Tibet reopens to foreign tourists

Air strikes kill 14 Taliban insurgents

18 dead in Baghdad blast

Ex-Indonesian CB chief faces life

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Diaz needs a f---ng miracle, says Roach



DIAZ: Miracle needed



TRAINER'S WARNING

Pacman up vs a big hitter

LAS VEGAS—NEVER UNDERESTIMATE DAVID Diaz's punching power.



Lao, Kuwaiti bag bowling Youth Masters crowns



3-conference format back in PBA soon?

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Beth Celis

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Questnet golf tees off

Pacquiao-Diaz at Tutuban

Accenture Solutions scores

Shell chess leaders

Badurias-Folayang showdown highlights URCC XII fight card



Parks to seek treatment here



PARKS

Arenas hands GK basketball court



Bichara leads Denso Superbike charge



Venus opens title defense; Sharapova trounces foe



Softball routs usher in POF NCR leg

US Olympic five: Not an all-star team but a team

FATHER'S DAY



SPORTS

BALANAY WINS 7TH SM BOWLING CUP

Roger Balanay won the Pepsi Grand Championship during the recent 7th SM Bowling Cup Tournament held recently at the SM Megamall Bowling Center and drove home a brand new Nissan X-Trail.



Grand Champion Roger Balanay with First Runner-Up Nelia Santos and Second Runner-Up Roberto Plaza.

Balanay, who represented SM Megamall, had been bowling at SM since 2002, and has regularly joined the SM Bowling Cup with his wife since it started two years ago. Winning has been pure joy for him and his family, who are all thrilled about the new Nissan X-Trail. "There is no other tournament in the country that gives away such prizes," he says.

Nelia Santos from SM Megamall and Roberto Plazanas from SM City Fairview were named First and Second Runners Up and received P100,000 and P50,000, respectively.

SM VP for Leisure Ric Camalign, Nissan Marketing Manager Raymond Villadino, Pepsi Cola's Dodie Bimbo, and Lolita Sy were present during the awarding ceremonies.

A raffle draw for participating bowlers was also held during the event. Prizes included eight Suzuki Motorbikes, Black and Decker Power Tools and La Comoda de Boracay Gift Certificates.

Since it was launched seven years ago, the SM Bowling Cup has awarded over Five Million Pesos and three Nissan cars to tournament champions.

The 7th SM Bowling Cup has Pepsi and Nissan as major sponsors. Other sponsors include Suzuki Motor Philippines, Raysen, Nakeru Spring, La Comoda de Boracay, MRI, Bolleno, Black and Decker, Aizal, Boss Pro Shop, and AMF-Pepsi. Media Partners include the Philippine Daily Inquirer and Business Mirror.



Roger Balanay, the Pepsi Grand National Champion drives home a brand new Nissan X-Trail from the 7th SM Bowling Cup.

Piccio shares AJGA golf lead with 66

MIA PICCIO LEANED on a sizzling putter to shoot a five-under-par 66 and gain a share of the lead with Anna Smith of Georgia at the start of the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Rosignoli III, [illegible] in [illegible], Georgia Tuesday.



PICCIO

Piccio, who posted a record 18-shot win in All [illegible] Medical Premium Junior, also in Georgia, recently had identical rows of 33-33, birdieing four of her last 12 holes to tame the par-71 [illegible] Country Club course.

"Putting was good for me," said Piccio, one of the five golf scholars from the ICTSI golf stable. "I kept giving myself chances to make birdies and I'll do the same thing tomorrow."

Smith turned in a bogey-free round of 34-32 to keep a share of the lead in the 54-hole competition for girls who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf.

Katie Burnett, also of Georgia, shot a 70 for third while Kyung Kim and Laura Peace matched par 71s.

Piccio, 16, made three back-to-back birdies on 3 and 4, 7 and 8 and 10 and 11 while dropping a stroke on the par-4 No. 5. Although she struggled off the tee, hitting just five fairways she made up for them with superb putting.

The shotmaker from [illegible], who won one event, placed second twice and had two third-place finishes in the [illegible] Collegiate World Steel Greens Star junior girls events, finished with just 25 putts for the day.

La Salle fun run

THE DE LA SALLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will celebrate the school's centennial anniversary in the Philippines with an inaugural fun run dubbed "One Run, One Family, One La Salle."

The event is open to all, with organizers predicting a field of about 5,000 runners joining. Among those who have already been enrolled is La Salle alumni Tessa [illegible].

The event, sponsored by Nike, will be divided into three categories—3 km (3K for beginners, 5K for more serious runners and 10K (10-miler) for the more professionals and competitive runners.

For details, call [illegible] or 0917-[illegible] or [illegible].



BOXING CARD Jimrex Jaca headlines a fight card tomorrow in Pattaya, Thailand, where he will face local bet Yodsanan Sor Nanthachai in a 10-rounder. Also included in the card promoted by Daniel Ferrer (center) are Filipino Dodie Boy Agrabio, [illegible], Ariel Bonotillo and JR Solano.

RACING TIPS

BY TOP CHOICE

At San Lazaro Leisure Park

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BUSINESS

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Surging crude, rice prices bloat April imports

4-month trade deficit widens by 225% to $2.6B

By Michelle V. Remo and Doris C. Dumlao

IMPORTS SURGED 11.8 PERCENT TO $4.86 BILLION IN APRIL from a year ago, fueled largely by the soaring prices in the world market of oil and rice.

The Philippines imports nearly all of its fuel requirements and has recently emerged as well as the world's top importer of rice.

The April figure brought the country's total imports from January to April to $18.46 billion, up 17.9 percent year-on-year.

With exports in the first four months coming in at $15.86 billion, the country posted a trade deficit of $2.6 billion, widening by 225 percent from only $800 million in January-April last year.

The rise in imports in April was despite the 10.7-percent slump in electronics imports to $1.29 billion, which was attributed to expectations by exporters that global demand for consumer electronics would weaken this year.

"The rise in imports did not mean that the economy was recovering nor demand by businesses for capital goods was increasing. The growth in imports was mostly accounted for by consumer goods, especially rice and oil," said Victor Abola, economist from the University of Asia and the Pacific.

Abola said that of the nearly $500-million increase in imports in April from a year ago, $295 million was already accounted for by rice and oil. The rising prices of oil and rice in the world market forced the economy to spend more for these imports, he explained.

He projected the country's trade deficit to hit anywhere between $5 billion and $10 billion by the end of the year.

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Stocks rise on bargain-hunting

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 1.5 PERCENT higher yesterday as bargain-hunters swooped in after a five-day losing streak, a dealer said.

But volumes remained thin, reflecting investor's worries about high oil prices and other external factors.

The composite index rose 35.83 points to 2,419.80 points, while the all-shares index rose 1.38 percent to 1,537.63 points.

Advancers outnumbered decliners 83 to 25 with 51 unchanged.

Turnover amounted to P1.22 billion compared with P1.74 billion on Tuesday.

"The current valuation of the index is now at a discount and remains attractive and it is an opportunity for investors to accumulate," said Ron Rodrigo of BBP Cebu Securities.

The government's announcement that imports rose by about 11.8 percent in April "is also one of the reasons that contributed to the market's upside." AFP

Gov't plans to borrow P85B in 3rd quarter

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL borrow P85 billion from the local capital market in the third quarter to help meet its rising expenditure requirements this year.

The borrowings from July to September will partly aid the government in its efforts to implement additional social services, including the granting of food and education subsidies to the poor.

Pressures have mounted for the government to raise spending for social services this year due to the accelerated rise in the prices of oil, rice and other food products that has burdened average Filipino households.

Borrowings by the national government are partly used to finance programs and projects that could not be accommodated by usually insufficient internally generated funds and, partly, to pay maturing obligations.

The Bureau of the Treasury announced yesterday that of the third-quarter borrowings, P36 billion would be generated from the sale of short-term treasury bills while P49 billion would come from the sale of long-term bonds.

The government auctions treasury bills

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Peso weakens further to 44.59:$1

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OceanaGold seeks $185 million to pursue Didipio gold project

Surging crude, rice prices bloat April imports



Gov't to borrow P85B in 3rd quarter

85 projects locating in Subic OKd in Jan-May

Tupperware integrates with Fuller Life

Ventures to involve P9.3B in investments

DOT seeks support for typhoon-hit Panay

PAL Express expanding Cebu network

Geograce signs exploration deal with foreign miner

Vantage to invest in power venture

RFM property unit going public

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Flying the BIMP-Eaga skies



New air routes

Fifth Freedom rights

What needs to be done

Transglobal flies to Fujairah, UAE

15 Mindanao provinces to add to RP rice output

Benguet veggies getting ready for export market

LIFESTYLE Food

Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan

Three 'sulit' kiddie party options

Imagine a Brothers Burger outlet set up in your home

KITCHEN RESCUE



Maggie Aspiras

A CHILDREN'S PARTY is perhaps one of the most tedious to organize. Organizing one that is hassle-free, unusual yet economical remains the aim of all mothers, who tend to be obsessive-compulsive party planners.

Here are three of the whole, most sulit party [illegible] I've ever made.

Brothers Burger. Imagine a complete Brothers Burger outlet set up in your home. Yes, it is possible.

Delicious angus burgers, gourmet sandwiches, onion rings, chocolate chip cookies, pasta bar, soda—everything on the menu, name it, the way you want it, and consider it done!

That is the convenience that Chef Quito and the rest of the four brothers provide with their event's party packages.

For a minimum amount of P15,000, you can make your own menu to feed anywhere between 20 to 100 people, depending on what you order, of course.

The setup is beautiful, complete with chafing dishes amp tables decked in blue and a large table cloth, a catering crew that provides impeccable service, and food served [illegible]—of course, cooked as ordered to match! Call 8911784.

Thumbs Up Ice Cream. Thumb-size cones filled with yummy ice cream served on palettes. At P4,500 for a hundred, the ice cream munchies and serves way more than what you paid for. Plus, the booth is [illegible] and the servers dressed nicely! It's a sure treat in any party! Call Metrogalatic Corp. at 6875436.

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He greets the guests, plays with the kids, performs little magic tricks, dances and literally mingles with the crowd. And once you get to see him perform, you'll agree with me that he is undoubtedly one of the [illegible] clown magicians you would ever come across. And at only P3,500, it's a steal! Call 0917 8437377.

I am planning to cook for our office outing and would like to impress my officemates. Could you give me a recipe of meat for tacos—one that is simple to make and I can just stuff into taco shells and top with cheese? Please make it a little moreish and easy.

BECCA

My oh my, Becca! You want to impress but you don't want to work? [illegible] Here it is, anyway. Hope it impresses them!

Taco meat

2 tbsp vegetable oil
2/3 c chopped onion
2/3 c chopped green bell pepper
½ k ground beef
1 tbsp garlic, chopped
1 tsp ground cumin
chili powder, to taste
¼ c tomato sauce
1½ tbsp tomato paste
½ c beef stock
¼ c chopped fresh cilantro
sugar to taste
salt and pepper

- Heat oil in heavy large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic and sauté.
- Add beef and cook until brown.
- Add cumin and chili powder.
- Add tomato sauce and paste.
- Add stock.
- Simmer over very low heat until mixture dries out and meat becomes soft, about 10 minutes.
- Season to taste.



THUMBS up for Thumbs Up Ice Cream!

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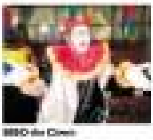


Expats' guide to classic Pinoy food





Three 'sulit' kiddie party options



Celebrate moments with colorful shakin' parties



A mix of various cuisines with a taste of Wagyu

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VIETNAMESE SALAD



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Alba at Westgate

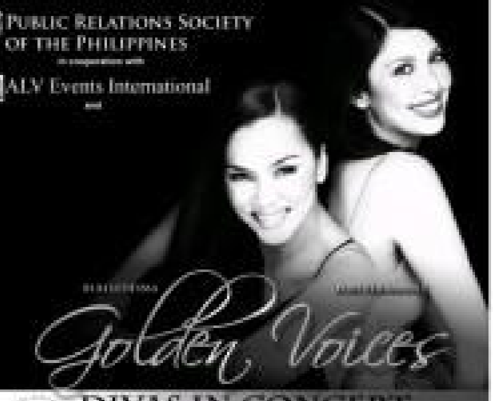


ASIAN SALAD

Prime rib Friday



COOL TREATS



The secret to ‘pinangat’ is in the folding of leaves

Camalig in Albay is justly famous for its ‘pinangat.’ The ‘gabi’ packets are held together by strips made of coconut fronds

COUNTRY COOKING

Micky Fenix

[illegible]

‘Pinangat’ makers

[illegible]

‘Pili’ trees all around

[illegible]



[illegible]

LIFESTYLE

BUFFET IN THE CITY

To be selective is a challenge

(First in a series)

By Anna C. Sobrepeña
Contributor

BUFFETS PROVIDE a happy occasion for families to share in one of life's most delightful pleasures. [illegible]

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Options for carnivores

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CIRCLES in Makati Shangri-La

[illegible]

Rosemary Lemon Lamb Kebabs

PDI LIFESTYLE KITCHEN-TESTED RECIPE

By Nerissa Chikiamco
Contributor

ROSEMARY IMPARTS a distinct taste and fragrance flavor to any dish. [illegible] Be sure to use good-quality olive oil.

Rosemary Lemon Lamb Kebabs

[illegible]



BE SURE to use good-quality olive oil for these Rosemary Lemon Lamb Kebabs.

[illegible]

Cook's tips

[illegible]

Philippine brandy wins international award

[illegible]



NAPOLEON VSOP Brandy

Soft, fluffy pancakes

[illegible]

Goings On

Maya's English Essentials

[illegible]

Safety should be every food provider's priority

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

I JUST DID A STORY ON THE Center for Culinary Arts and they told me how much emphasis they gave to sanitation and hygiene in their courses. At the very least, students were expected to make the washing of hands before handling food almost instinctive as a requisite for graduation.

This is good to know as many of these graduates are, or will soon be, handling our food when we go out to eat.

I mention this because a friend told me recently that in one restaurant where staff and customers shared the same restroom, she had to remind a food server to wash her hands before returning to her job. Even starker is the story told by another interviewee who runs a clinic that conducts physical and medical examination for prospective employees here and abroad. She said she had to nag her staff almost everyday not just to wash their hands frequently but also to make sure they observed proper safety measures like handling syringes and other medical tools and equipment carefully to avoid contamination and putting themselves at risk.

As most people should know by now, many potentially fatal diseases like hepatitis C and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) can be transmitted through the careless handling of used syringes. Some health workers here have reported to have caught the infection after they accidentally pricked themselves with syringes used on people suffering from the dreaded illnesses. Accidents, of course, can happen no matter how careful you are but you reduce the risk by making sure you follow basic safety measures.

Food-borne diseases remain serious threats to people's health and well-being. Major gastrointestinal disorders like cholera and typhoid fever, as well as hepatitis A, can be transmitted through contaminated food. The common cold and more serious respiratory problems can spread through food and drinks.

Accidents in the past few years suggest, you can never be too careful. Major food chains in the United States, which has some of the most stringent safety and health measures, have been hit by serious cases of food contamination, some of them even fatal. Just recently they had another major scare from imported tomatoes.

And in Japan, another country known for its fastidiousness when it comes to health and sanitation, a story by Martin Fackler in the New York Times raises some health concerns. Fackler mentions some underhanded ways of Japanese businessmen, including such brazen ways as a fancy restaurant allegedly serving customers "leftover sashimi from other diners."

Food safety is one area where consumers cannot let their guard down. They have to exercise constant vigilance to protect their health and their family's.

Better restrooms

While we are on the subject of health and safety, I am glad to see that as new malls are being built, restrooms are also getting better and cleaner. Many of them even have attendants on constant watch, making sure everything is spic and span for the next user. And, at Robinsons, the new Midtown wing has the toilet bowl lever for flushing positioned almost waist-level of the consumer.

This may seem strange but it is actually a practical solution to the dirty habit of some people to use their foot to press the lever when it is located behind the bowl.

People who do this may be concerned about their own safety but they are being absolutely selfish, showing very little regard for others—exposing other users to contamination from whatever is attached to their shoes.

In Australia, they even use different systems for turning taps on and off, presumably to make it safer and easier for everyone, including the differently abled physically to use the sink. There are taps that can be turned on and off by pressing with your knee a lever located under the sink.

New malls may also consider having both Western and Asian toilets, you know the one where people squat over the bowl rather than sit. If Singapore and Malaysia, two extremely modernized countries, are not embarrassed to make this concession to customers who can never get used to sitting on a toilet bowl, there is no reason why the Philippines can't. Let's face it, many Filipinos up to now still do not know how to use the Western toilet bowl and just have to perch on it, planting their shoes or bare feet on the rim leaving the seat and a dirty bowl.

Easy-to-mak

CREATE A FLAVOR FERVOR AND GO gourmet with exclusive, must-have but reasonably priced items like cold cuts and cheeses from Santis's Le Gourmet Deli, and wines from The Vineyard, both



THE QUALITY of your deli platter depends a lot on the breads you serve with it.

...ke gourmet cheese and deli platters



CHEESE platter





LE GOURMET Deli

COLD cuts platter

[illegible]

It is very difficult to match wines and cheeses. Ideally, each cheese would be best served with a given type of wine.

A dry white wine with goat cheese and soft paste (Chablis) from France will be perfect but a Sauvignon Blanc from Australia (Hardys Reserve) will also fit.

A dry red wine (Cotes du Rhone, Cahors or Bordeaux) will match the hard pastes and the Camembert types.

For blue cheeses, the sweet red wine will do but port wine would even be better and will enhance the flavor of any blue cheese.

How much will you spend?

For a platter of five cheeses, good for 8-12 persons, total cost will not exceed P1,800 (P150-P200 per person).

All items are available at Le Gourmet Deli and The Vineyard at Rustan's Supermarket Makati.



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PINALUTONG na Hito

'Ihaw' haven
for the Makati office crowd

Diners can't seem to get enough of Jaymi's Grill's 'pinalutong na hito,' pork 'sisig,' catfish mango salad and sizzling 'bangus' belly



CRISPY Pata



CATFISH Mango Salad



CRISPY Chicken Skin



SIZZLING Bangus Belly



PORK Sisig



HOMEY indoor place

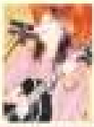


AL FRESCO dining at the patio

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Bernie B. Valverde

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For the "new" Lolita [illegible], formerly dubbed "Dragon Lady" of [illegible], it's totally cool to be one of the boys in a rock band, with her precious Gibson limited-edition guitar. Page E5.

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All's well: The music stays...

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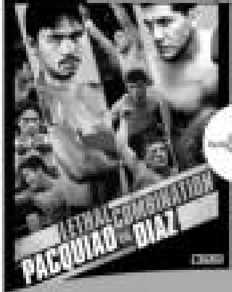


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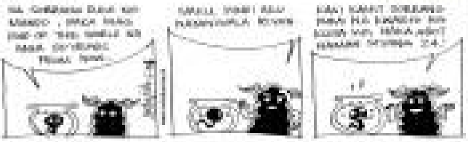
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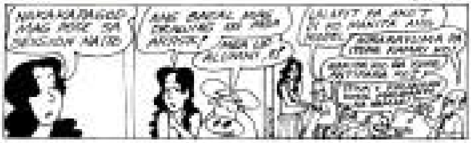
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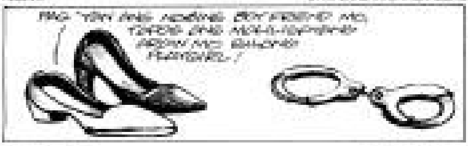




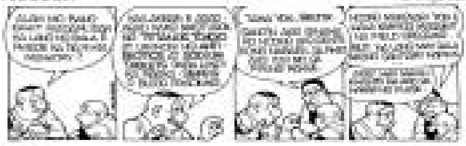


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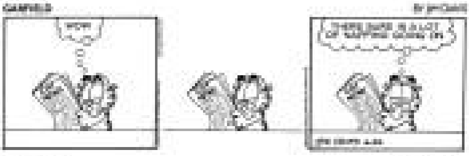
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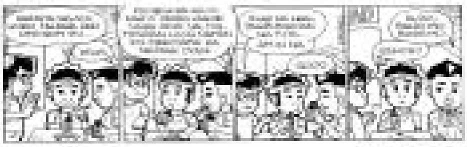


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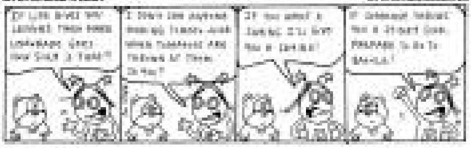
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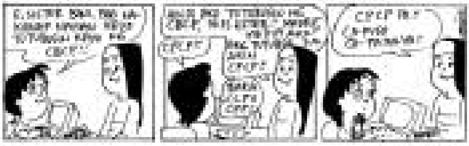


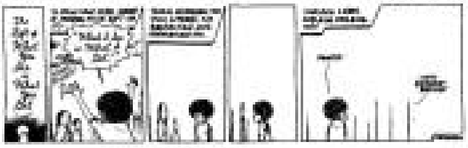


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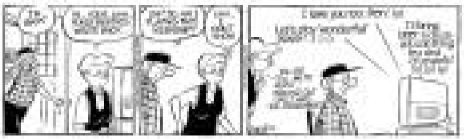




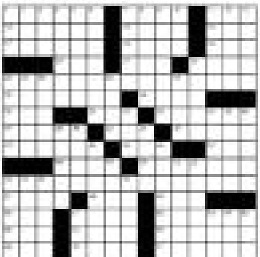




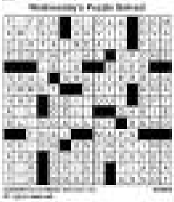
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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Conceptis Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and programs at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

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Back and happy with an old love

By Pocholo Concepcion

For the 'new' Lenny de Jesus, it's cool to be one of the boys in a retro band





Nostalgic spell

Walking Shadow

Shooting the breeze

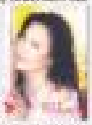
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All's well: The music stays with Lolita Carbon



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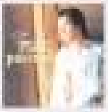


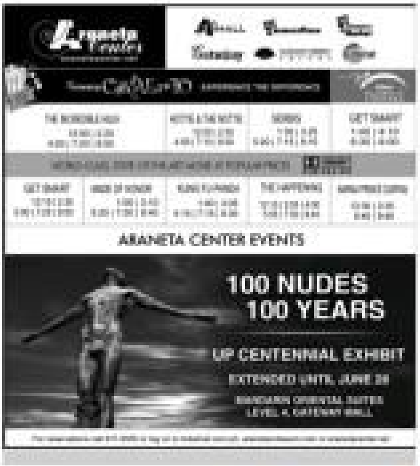
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Major reasons

Creative marketing





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Joanna Ampil, Christian Bautista and Karylle in 'West Side Story'


CHRISTIAN

